

Dear Parents / Carers,

It's been so lovely to welcome back the children from the summer – it may only have been two weeks back so far but walking around school, I have been amazed at how settled all the children have been and how purposeful and calm school has felt. It's hard to believe it's still just the start of the year!

### **Bank Holiday Monday**



Just to remind you all that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September will be a bank holiday for the Queen's funeral. School will be closed on this day. Children in various classes have made tributes or written letters to the Royal Family. Some of the work has been taken to Green Park near Buckingham Palace and placed with the flowers there as a mark of respect. Mrs Merrill has certainly impressed us with her incredible portrait of the Queen too...



### **National Teaching Assistant and Support Staff Day**

Today was a celebration day for teaching assistants around the country. We are so thankful to have such a brilliant team of TAs and Support Staff at our school. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their fantastic contributions. We celebrated with them all in assembly this morning and left a few treats in the staff room...



### **Facebook Communication:**

In case you weren't aware of our Facebook Page, we post updates and reminders on our school page. You will need to request access: [Lakenheath Community Primary School | Facebook](#)

### **Parking**

We've noticed a few parents have been parking on the double yellow lines again and walking their children into the school. The lines are there for the safety of the children and I urge you to park a little further down the road and walk a few metres further to safeguard our school community.

**Coming up...**

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> – School closed for Queen's funeral**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – All children in KS2 (Y3-Y6) please come wearing outdoor PE Kits.** We will be walking down to the pavilion fields to take part in a virtual, inter-school cross country event. The timings of our children will be sent off as we compete with lots of other schools in West Suffolk. Whilst we will encourage the children to challenge themselves, running isn't for everyone so there is no pressure to run the whole event but it's a chance to do our best. Go team Lakenheath! We will also be selecting some of the fastest children to represent our school in a cross country event in Newmarket in a few weeks time.



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>:** Children in Y6 have the chance to run for Family Captains in school. They will be taking part in hustings on these days and presenting a short speech in assembly to try and get the children to vote for them. On Friday, we will celebrate democracy and all children in school can vote for the next captains of our family groups: Air, Earth, Fire and Water! Good luck to all of our Year 6s.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Individual Photos**

A photographer will be in school next Friday taking individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child comes wearing correct school uniform including their school sweatshirt/cardigan. If it's your child's PE day, they may be able wear PE kit on the bottom half and their normal school uniform on their top half. We will confirm this next week when we've had confirmation from the photographers.

### **Year six leaders:**

We have selected our first Y6 leaders who have been awarded a 'Gold LCPS Pin' for their impeccable learning behaviour and conduct around school. A special well done to Aiden S, Lucas B, Annabelle H, Euan W, Ruby S, Paige S and Lucy M in Y6. They enjoyed an 'afternoon tea' last week. We hope to award more over the course of the year!



### **Mobile Phones on site:**

This is a polite reminder that mobile phones are not permitted to be used on the school grounds for safeguarding reasons. Please respect our staff if we remind you politely to put them away when you're on the playground at the start and end of the school day. We have also spoken to the children that bring mobile phones into school about making sure these are turned off as soon as they come through the gates and are handed into their teachers throughout the day.

**And lastly...** Miss Mullings will be starting her maternity leave next Friday. Whilst we will really miss her, we're really excited for her and we can't wait to meet her little girl. Whilst she is on maternity leave, Mrs Page will be SENCO for KS1 and KS2 so if you have any queries or concerns regarding Special Educational Needs, she will be more than happy to speak to you.

I wish you all a pleasant long weekend!

Michael Tingey